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1. At its 3rd meeting, on 30 September 2004, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Timor-Leste and Sao Tome and Principe (A/59/231) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

> "Cooperation between the United Nations and the community of Portuguese-speaking countries".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda as an additional sub-item of item 56 (Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations) under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters);

(b) Be considered directly in plenary meeting.

2. At the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo (A/59/232) for the inclusion in the agenda of an additional item entitled:

> "Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly".

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters);

(b) Be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

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3. At the same meeting, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 109 (Programme planning) also be allocated to the Third Committee with respect to programme 19 (Human rights) of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007.

4. At the same meeting, the General Committee also took note of the clarification that, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 to consider item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) in its entirety in plenary, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that are under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the General Assembly.